

## ABSTRACT

A fishing reel comprising a frame having forward and rearward ends and two sides to which is mounted a transversely orientated, revolvable cylindrical spool. The spool has a recessed channel of a substantially rectangular cross-section for holding a length of coiled fishing line. A line guide is mounted on said frame in a fixed position forward of the spool for directing and positioning the fishing line onto the spool channel. The line guide is positioned on the frame in alignment with the centerline of the spool channel, the center of the line guide being no lower than the mid-point of the spool channel and no higher than the rim of the spool channel. The reel includes a mechanism for controlling the rotation of the spool for dispensing fishing line on to and off of the spool.